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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:

William J. Curatolo, et al. : Group Art Unit: 1615
Examiner: B. M. Fubara

PATENT NO.: 09/918,127 :

FOR: **Pharmaceutical Compositions of
Cholesteryl Ester Transfer Protein Inhibitor :**

FILED: **July 30, 2001**

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Official Action dated July 15, 2003 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended three (3) months by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith. In response to the Office Action, the claims have been amended, specifically claims 89-96. A complete listing of all claims currently under consideration, including the status of each claim, is attached as an addendum to this response.

REMARKS

Claims 1-96 are pending. Claims 11-16 and 19-34 were withdrawn due to an election-of-species requirement. Claims 89-96 have been currently amended to correct a typographical error relating to dependency, as further explained below.